

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: November 18, 2011
 TIME: 1:30 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 3:35 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gerald Nelson, William Clendenning,
 Gary Allworden, Ed Wagner
 MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ross Miltimore
 OTHERS PRESENT: Brent Vruwink, Peter Kastenholz, Jason Angell,
 Susan Ginter, Jason Grueneberg, Dennis Polach,
 Lisa Downs

At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order.

1. Public comments. Supervisor Clendenning expressed his disappointment that a meeting on the regular issues of the Judicial Committee was not held in October.
2. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Clendenning, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2011, and October 12, 2011, Committee meetings. All ayes.
3. Legislative issues: Jason Grueneberg from Planning & Zoning spoke about Assembly Bill 303, the opt out of comprehensive planning law. Supervisor Clendenning will work with CEED Committee Chair Henkel to develop a resolution for both Committees to submit to the county board. The Committee will be reviewing WCA resolutions at future Judicial meetings.
4. Moved by Wagner, seconded by Nelson, to forward a resolution to the County Board that the County Highway Commissioner act with caution and great discretion in discussions with frac sand companies. Discussion held: Supervisor Wagner wants to give moral support to the frac sand companies through this resolution by assuring them that the County is not antagonistic to the frac sand companies. Supervisor Clendenning feels the issue should be referred to the State for a consistent statewide regulation on this issue instead of it possibly varying from county to county. Supervisor Clendenning also pointed out that the County has the statutory authority to handle the situation exactly the way it is being handled. Jason Angell stated that the frac sand companies want to know the conditions of the roads/routes before signing agreements. Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Wagner to end debate. No objections made. All ayes on sending the resolution to the County Board.

Supervisor Nelson indicated the importance of the department employees involved in the frac sand issue effectively communicating with each other and with the public on this. Moved by Nelson, seconded by Wagner, to strongly recommend that the Executive Committee give serious consideration to the development of a stand alone committee to work with employees of Planning & Zoning, Highway, Land Conservation, and Corporation Counsel on the frac sand issue. 3 ayes, 1 no (Clendenning feels the Highway Committee has jurisdiction).

5. The Committee reviewed department reports:

Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Wagner, to approve the reports of Child Support, Clerk of Courts, Register of Deeds, Family Court Commissioner, and Corporation Counsel. All ayes.

Interim Child Support Director Brent Vruwink spoke about a funding plan reduction and he informed the Committee that if there are no major political changes in Madison in the next year, that the Child Support Agency will be on the 2013 tax levy in Wood County. Mr. Vruwink also provided the Committee with a flow chart on the returns resulting from investing in child support. The Committee asked that he provide a written report to go along with the chart and that it should be included in the county board packet.

6. There were five new notices of injury/claim filed with the County. The notices of injury/claim of Jason Zimmel, Andrew Engen, Tori Seubert, Nancy Figlmiller, and Christopher Adams were reviewed by the Committee and will be forwarded to the county board.
7. There was one new animal claim against the County. **Moved by Clendenning, seconded by Allworden, that the claim of Thomas V. Smith be held until proof of vet bills are provided to the County. All ayes.**
8. The next Committee meeting will be December 13, 2011, at 1:30 p.m.
9. Agenda items for the December 13, 2011, meeting:
- Assembly Bill 303 resolution
 - Employee performance evaluations.

The following minutes were taken by Supervisor Clendenning:

10. **Moved by Allworden, seconded by Clendenning, to approve the bills for payment. All ayes.**
11. **Moved by Wagner, seconded by Clendenning, to adjourn. All ayes.** Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes taken by Lisa Downs and approved by William Clendenning.

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William Clendenning, Secretary